

Minutes of Meeting  
CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION  
Newton Police Department – The Community Room  
7:00pm – Wednesday – April 20, 2011

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Commissioners Present: Frank Wolpe (Chair), George Cullen, Bernard Goulding, Colleen Rosenbaum, Scott, Rosenbaum

Commissioners Absent: Louis Bruno, Marjorie Kagan, Benjamin Rubin, Fred Winer, Frances Shaer, Marc Epstein, Leonard Fisher, , David Winer, Richard Wing

Ex-Officio Members Present: Bruce Apotheker

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Matt Cummings, Jeff Silton

Regular Invited Guests Present: Richard Catrambone

Regular Invited Guests Absent: Ellen Manning, Debra Darcy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Frank Wolpe, Chair; and Lt. Bruce Apotheker delivered the Crime Report. The good news was that crime was down in the City by 29%, year to date, and that car breaks were also down to 88, this year to date, from 140 last year to date.

Hearing no objection, the draft minutes of March 16, 2011 were approved; and liaison persons reported on their activities during the preceding month.

George Cullen, CPC elder affairs liaison, reported on how he had distributed elder fraud pamphlets to various senior citizen facilities across the City. Then, he reported on our most successful joint NPD/CPC Elder Fraud Conference held on April 6, 2011 at the Newton Jewish Community Center (JCC). Working with Ms. Cindy Katzeff, JCC Senior Adult Coordinator, George told about: 1) how NPD Elder Affairs Officer Eric Rosenbaum was introduced by Frank Wolpe, Chair, and 2) how Eric's presentation to around 100 senior citizens was greeted with gratitude and applause. All who were present thanked Eric for a fine presentation; and Cindy invited us to make this an annual event.

Next, we turned our attention to other CPC liaison matters. CPC liaison person on Youth affairs, Rich Catrambone, and Lt. Bruce Apotheker, representing the NPD, reported to us on the recently successful "Teen Safety Summit", sub-titled "Think First", held at both the NSHS and NNHS. They reported on the impressive attendance as well as their participation in a number of activities. Topics discussed included the "Adam's Pledge" contract for safe driving, clinical

depression, chemical dependency, perceptions of police, etc. All agreed that CPC planning for next year should include efforts to have a CPC booth at the Summit. Discussed also was the prospect of providing for student members of CPC.

CPC liaison person on Domestic Violence, Bernie Goulding, reported on his dealings with NPD Sgt. Bill Spalding who has experiencing great success with the first NPD-RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) classes. RAD was described as an impressive program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. It is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. Courses are taught by nationally certified RAD Instructors.

Bernie told of Bill's agreement to speak and deliver his PowerPoint presentation, on RAD at our next regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2011. Because of the importance of this project, members wholeheartedly supported the idea of dedicating our entire meeting time to learning more about the program. Further, it was agreed that we should develop an action plan for how we might co-sponsor and help facilitate RAD training especially for the young women in our Newton schools. Additionally, Rich Catrambone expressed his interest in inviting people from NSHS, including PTO members and possibly other stakeholders.

In closing, we turned our attention to our invited guest speaker NPD Patrolman John Danica. John spoke with us about a variety of dealings with youthful offenders. Additionally, he told us about how he teaches 3 parts of a wellness program offered in 8 parts by Newton's high schools. It is a well defined part of the curriculum provided per a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NPD and the Newton Superintendant of Schools. Officer Danica talked also about drinking and driving, PTO meetings, crisis teams, lockdowns, suicide prevention, etc. All agreed that John does an essential job very well; and we should ask him back again. He is part of the Lt. Apotheker command unit.

Finally, it was agreed to postpone our discussion of the City's new "snow shoveling ordinance" until a later date.

The next meeting will be on May 18, 2011. On a motion made by the Chair, and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.